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Thal Desert Bombing Range, Pakistan (S)

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THAL DESE	ERT BOMBING RANGE, PAKISTAN (S)
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1. (S/D) The presence of a c stan (Figure 1) was confirmed o Bombing Range;	conventional bombing range in the Thal Desert in central Pakin Since August 1979, this range (Thal Desert had been reported by NPIC as a suspected
a simulated airstrip and the additional field as a bombing range (Figure 2)	elated facility. However, as a result of the recent construction of on of a simulated truck convoy, this facility can now be identi- 2). This centrally located range is 120 nautical miles (nm) west-
southwest of Lahore and is withir range is similar to the Sonmiani	n a 120-nm radius of three major Pakistani fighter bases. This
lanes, three observation towers, two	concentric circle target grids, and a support area.
The range facilities include a simuland well-marked simulated runwa immediately south of the simulated derelict trucks (five on graphic) is ous firing lanes are approximately tion towers are dispersed in an east	lated airstrip, consisting of an approximately 1,220-meter graded ay, and four derelict aircraft parked in simulated revetments if runway (Figure 4). A simulated truck convoy consisting of 14 dispersed along a road immediately east of the runway. Numer-1,220 meters south of the simulated airstrip, and three observast-west line through the firing lanes (Figure 2). The towers are pad is near the center tower (Figure 5). Two concentric circle
target grids are between the simula being refurbished, is approximatel	ated airstrip and the firing lanes. A third target grid, which was y 925 meters north of the simulated airstrip (Figure 6). The 7) is immediately south of the firing lanes and consists of eight
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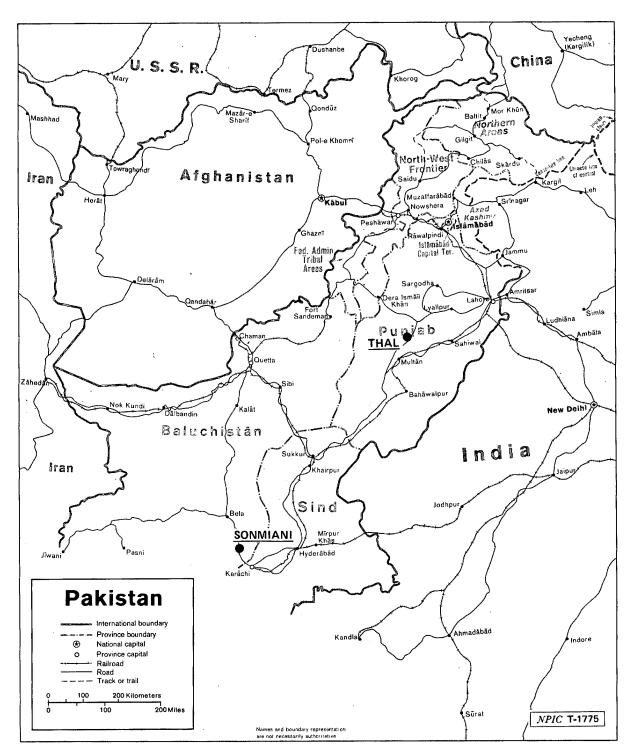
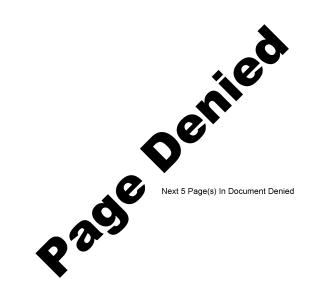


FIGURE 1. THAL DESERT AND SONMIANI BOMBING RANGES, PAKISTAN

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